

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2014**

The Board of Freeholders convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington.

Call to Order

Nan Henriksen, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Public Comment

1. John Caton
2. Karen Hengerer
3. Jackie Marsden
4. David Hentz

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes for January 25, 2014 were amended under the separation of powers to add: staff was instructed to draft county manager and legislative sections of charter for board review and changes at the next meeting. Moved by Marc Boldt to approve minutes as amended, seconded by Temple Lentz. **Motion Passed**

Legal Briefing

Christine Cook, Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's office gave a legal briefing regarding the Public Records Act.

Charter Element Deliberation

Election of legislative body, by district and/or at large, Partisan/nonpartisan

Each board member gave their viewpoint regarding election of legislative body, by district and/or at large, partisan/nonpartisan, four or five districts. By a straw poll: 9 board members voted to have 5 candidates nominated by district and elected at large. By another straw poll: 9 members voted to have position as partisan. Staff was instructed to: draft language on five districts positions nominated by district elected at large, and keeping them partisan.

GIS depiction of four and five commissioner districts

Board members reviewed the depiction of the five commissioner district map.

Charter Element Draft Review

The Board reviewed the Separation of Powers: County Manager section of the draft charter. Discussion will continue at the next meeting on February 22, 2014.

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Good of the Order

- Request from Cheryl Bledsoe to participate in Hockinson Community Night (BOF booth) on Thursday, February 27, 2014 from 6-8 p.m.
- Upcoming meetings:
 - Last meeting in March (Mar. 22, 2014) will be held at Battle Ground Fire Station #26.

First meeting in April will be held at Camas Community Center.

Primary Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Continue discussion of Separation of Powers.
- Section on election, and partisan offices.
- Initiative and referendum deliberation.
- Discussion of other keys issues to include in charter.

Next Meeting Date/Location

February 22, 2014, 9:00 a.m., Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center.